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responsibility of apprising the Committee of SovBloc activities in international trade fairs. Upon request it also furnishes similar information at comparable levels to the Operations Coordinating Board, the Department of Commerce and the Department of State. On the basis of this information and other factors, the US trade fair program and to some extent US economic Foreign policy are planned.

2. Specific examples of such support given in recent months appears below:

- a. September 1955: Provided the Under Secretary of State with information on USSR participation in International trade fairs and exhibitions held in the Far East during 1955.
- b. November 1955: Furnished the Deputy Director of USIA with information concerning anticipated SovBloc participation in forthcoming Spring 1956 trade fairs.
- c. December 1955: Furnished pertinent trade fair information to the Office of International Trade Fairs, Department of Commerce, and to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Department of State for use in the preparation of a report to be presented to the Bureau of the Budget.
- d. January 1956: Prepared a report for Mr. Herbert Hoover, Jr., on the estimated Soviet Bloc expenditures in international trade fairs during 1954 and 1955.
- e. February 1956: Presented a report to the OCB Trade Fair Committee relative to USSR/Bloc trade fair activity during 1955. This information was used in planning US participation in 1956 and 1957 trade fairs and for budget justification before Congress.

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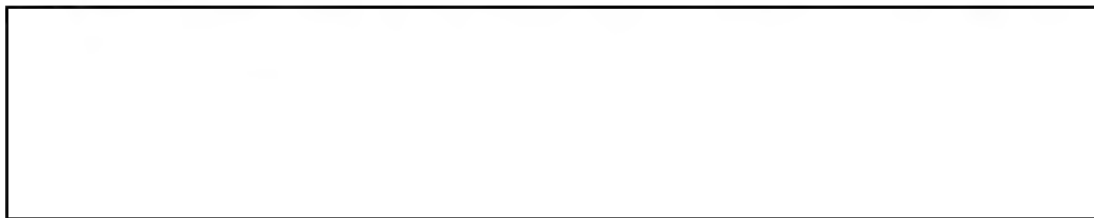
f. March 1956:

(1) Prepared critical comments for the Operations Coordinating Board which led to a revision of the Fifth Quarterly Report to the President on the Emergency Fund for Participation in International Affairs.

(2) Furnished information concerning the Moscow Agricultural Fair. This material was used for a briefing at the Office of the President.

g. April 1956: Furnished Mr. Harold C. McClellan, Assistant Secretary of Commerce with unclassified SovBloc trade fair information for use in a speech in Los Angeles on the competition facing the US Trade Fair Program.

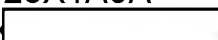
h. June 1956: On the basis of a Division representative's observations made during a visit to North Africa, the Middle East and Europe, information was passed to the Trade Fair Committee relative to seeming deficiencies in the administration of the US Trade Fair Program. From what appears to be a direct result of the passing of this information, regional conferences involving 22 Foreign Service Posts were held in Vienna (31 July-2 August) and Rome (7 August-9 August) to correct those deficiencies.



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